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RESTRICTION PRESENTED

The claims have been restricted into the following groups of inventions:

Group I. Claims 1-6, drawn to a method for examining colorectal cancer and colorectal adenoma.

Group II. Claims 7-10, drawn to a reagent for colorectal cancer and colorectal adenoma comprising an MECA-79 antibody.

APPLICANTS' ELECTION

Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group I, claims 1-6, drawn to a method for examining colorectal cancer and colorectal adenoma for prosecution at this time.

REMARKS

I. Status of Claims:

Claims 1-10 are pending in the subject U.S. patent application. Claims 1-10 have been subjected to a Restriction/Election Requirement. In response to the Restriction/Election Requirement, Applicants have elected the claims of Group I, claims 1-6, for prosecution at this time. Claims 7-10 are withdrawn from prosecution. Applicants hereby reserve the right to file one or more divisional patent applications directed to the unelected subject matter.

II. Claim Amendments:

Claim 1 has been amended for purposes of clarification as follows: "wherein said **antibody reacts** ~~antibodies react~~ with such ~~an~~ antigen". Support for this amendment can be found throughout the claims and specification as filed. Accordingly, no new matter has been added by this claim amendment.

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CONCLUSIONS

Should there be any minor issues outstanding in this matter the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney. Early passage of the subject application to issue is earnestly solicited.

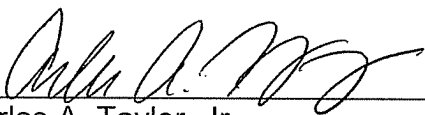
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Respectfully submitted,

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